

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Library Board was held on Thursday, May 8, 2008, at the Office of the Library Director. Kul Gauri, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Belinda Shelton Duggan  
Kul Gauri  
Lynne Gregory  
Nancy Wheeler  
Audre Zembrzuski

Cathleen Russ, Library Director

Guests: Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney; Jennifer Lee; Julie Sigler

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

**Resolution #LB-2008-05-01**

Moved by Gregory

Seconded by Wheeler

**RESOLVED, That Arthi Krishna and Shruthi Subramanian be excused.**

**Yes: 5—Duggan, Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski**

**No: 0**

**Resolution #LB-2008-05-02**

Moved by Gregory

Seconded by Wheeler

**RESOLVED, That Minutes of March 13, 2008 be approved.**

**Yes: 5—Duggan, Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski**

**No: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution #LB-2008-05-03**

Moved by Wheeler

Seconded by Zembrzuski

**RESOLVED, That the Agenda be approved.**

**Yes: 5—Duggan, Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski**

**No: 0**

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## **POSTPONED ITEMS**

There were no Postponed items.

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

A. Welcome to New Library Advisory Board Member Belinda Shelton Duggan.

B. Open Meetings Act information—City Attorney Lori Grigg Bluhm

Three Acts constitute the Sunshine Laws:

- 1) Freedom of Information Act (the Library Privacy Act is an exception to FOIA)
- 2) Open Meetings Act
- 3) Bullard Plawecki Employee Right to Know Act

Specific information about the Open Meetings Act was presented and discussed.

The City Attorney will send C. Russ her presentation, w/additional information, to distribute to LAB members. Let C. Russ know of any questions, and she will ask Ms. Bluhm and pass along answers to the group.

C. Election of Officers

## **Resolution #LB-2008-05-04**

Moved by Zembrzuski

Seconded by Wheeler

**RESOLVED, That the current slate of officers (Gauri, President; Zembrzuski, Vice President; Wheeler, Secretary) be re-elected to their positions for another year.**

**Yes: 5—Duggan, Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski**

**No: 0**

## **OLD BUSINESS.**

### **A. Friends' Survey Results**

The Friends of the Library have received the results of the Community survey.

The results will be presented and discussed at the Friends' Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 7 pm.

## **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

**Director's Report**—see attached.

### **Board Members' Comments**

Gauri reported about the presentation at the Leadership Troy Community Forum on Wednesday, April 23. The panelists at this forum discussed the proposed new library.

### **Student Representatives' Comments**

**None.**

**Suburban Library Cooperative--Gregory**

The State Librarian's plan for library cooperatives has been withdrawn. No changes expected for at least 3-4 years. In view of this, SLC Interim Director Art Woodford recommends that SLC begin the search for a permanent, full-time director. Efforts are being made to lobby the Michigan House and Senate to restore \$2 million in state aid to libraries. The SLC libraries will offer library service to service people living in Harrison Twp, formerly stationed at Selfridge AFB.

**Friends of the Troy Public Library**

The Annual Meeting is Wednesday, May 14, at 7 pm. Michele Hodges, Executive Director of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, is the keynote speaker.

**Gifts.**

The library received 2 donations in April:

- \$50 Glen Rowe, Troy
- \$10 Dorothy and Terry Vaughan, Royal Oak

**Informational Items.**

May TPL Calendar. The calendar will be presented in a different format next time.

**Contacts and Correspondence.**

33 written comments from the public were reviewed.

**Public Participation.**

Jennifer Lee asked the LAB members what they believe is their role. Discussion ensued. Ms. Lee made complimentary statements about TPL and LAB members.

The City Attorney suggested that the Public Participation item of the agenda be moved closer to the beginning of the agenda.

The Library Board meeting adjourned at 9 P.M.

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Kul Gauri  
Chairman

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Cathleen Russ  
Recording Secretary

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7:30 p.m.

**Director's Report—May**

**Budget**

The budget is performing at expected levels. The fiscal year ends June 30, 2008.

**Usage Statistics**

Circulation and computer usage was slightly lower for this year than at this same time last year. This is attributed to the very nice Spring weather we have been enjoying!

**Personnel**

The new Circulation Supervisor is expected to begin on Tuesday, May 27, 2008.

**Museum Pass program**

This program has been renewed through 2009. It has been very successful! Art Woodford is going to write a letter of thanks to the sponsor, Macy's, and I am going to write one on behalf of TPL.